

20 March 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Counsel,
House Armed Services Committee

1. Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek and discussed with him the testimony received by the Pike Subcommittee during the day on the question of the existence of written guidelines for the assessment of risk for missions such as the Pueblo. Mr. Slatinshek noted that testimony given during the morning by General Carroll was to the effect that no such guidelines existed. On return of the witnesses in the afternoon when the question was again raised, the Director of DIA "related the six points contained in the Agency blind memorandum in the order in which they appeared in the memorandum." Mr. Slatinshek did not continue beyond this point in the testimony in quoting from the record; but from his remarks, it would appear that there was some feeling between the Chairman and Counsel on the one hand and the witness, as to the inconsistency between the responses given in the morning and in the afternoon.

2. After talking with Mr. Maury, I advised Mr. Slatinshek that the points listed in our memorandum originated with the Joint Chiefs who have a prime responsibility in this area and that our memorandum had related them as we received them from the Joint Chiefs.

3. Mr. Slatinshek was satisfied with this explanation of the coincidence in the ordering of the items in the response by General Carroll.

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